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In re patent application of

Title : CHAIN DRIVE WITH PIVOT STEEL CHAINS
: OR ROUND STEEL CHAINS AS TRACTION
: MECHANISM FOR SPUR GEARS
: DRIVING A POLYGONAL CHAIN SPROCKET

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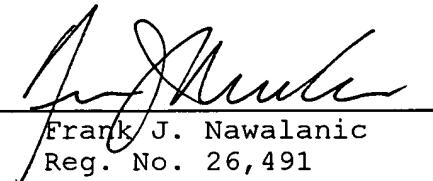
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